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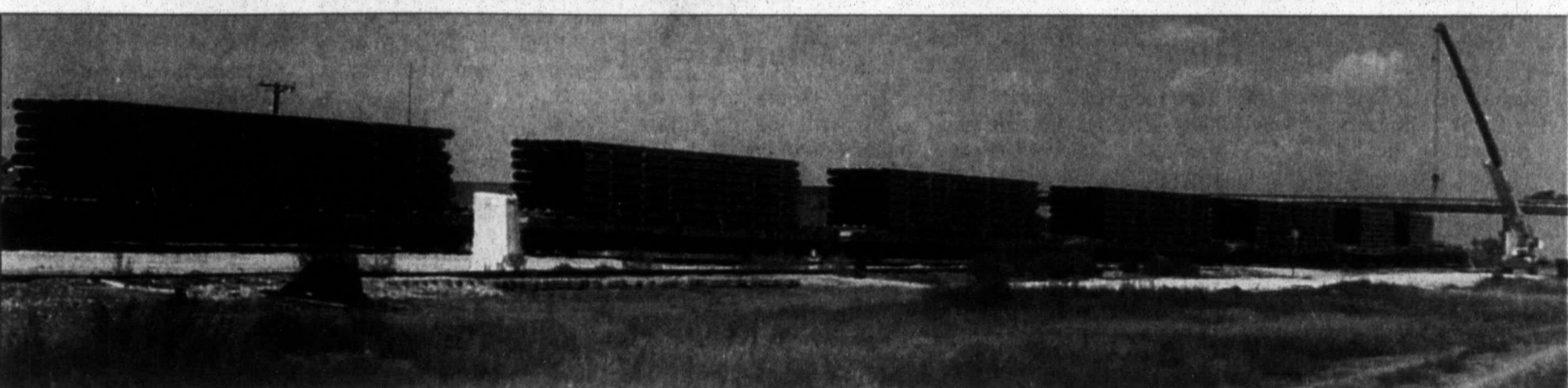
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Sections of 12" diameter pipe are being unloaded from flatbed rail cars near Danciger Crossing just east of Pampa. The pipe is part of a 190-mile line which carries natural gas liquids between Conway, Kan., Skellytown, and Hobbs, N.M., for Enterprise Products Partners L.P.

Liquid gas pipeline expansion to include Skellytown

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
Several flatbed rail cars loaded with lengths of 12-inch diameter pipe which are currently being unloaded near Danciger Crossing, just east of Pampa, are part of an \$81 million expansion project by Enterprise Products Partners L.P. "This is part of an expansion of our Mid-America Pipeline system," said Rick Rainey, director of public relations for Enterprise and its parent company, EPCO, Inc. in the compa-

ny's Houston offices. The expansion involves a bi-directional line, or two pipelines together, one for each direction of flow, between Conway, Kan. and Skellytown, plus another portion of the line linking Skellytown and Hobbs, N.M., where a new fractionating facility is being built. A total of 190 miles of new pipeline will be laid to complete the project. Fractionators separate NGLs, or natural gas liquids, into their component parts such as butane and

propane. "This is a looping project to increase the capacity of NGLs heading between Skellytown and Conway by 67,000 barrels per day. This project will also allow us to increase capacity between Skellytown and Hobbs by 35,000 barrels per day," Rainey said. The expansion project is scheduled to be completed and in service by mid-2007. Enterprise owns interests in 12,774 miles of NGL pipelines and

157 million barrels of NGL and petrochemical storage capacity. These NGL pipelines transport mixed NGLs and other hydrocarbons from natural gas processing plants to fractionation facilities; distribute and receive NGL products to and from petrochemical plants and refineries; and deliver propane to customers along the company's Dixie pipeline and certain sections of the Mid-America Pipeline System. See PIPELINE, Page 3

Public hearing Thursday on county's property tax rate

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
A public hearing to discuss Gray County's proposed property tax rate for the 2007 fiscal year will begin at 9 a.m. Thursday in the second-floor courtroom at Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell. A county tax rate of .445623 per \$100 valuation is being considered. The current rate for fiscal 2006 is .488926 per \$100 valuation. The proposed rate is higher than the effective rate, which is the

amount required to generate the same amount of tax revenue as was collected the previous fiscal year. Increases in some county property values and in mineral values have resulted in an increase in the total taxable property value taxed by the county. Current taxable property values subject to county tax total \$1,377,369,900, an increase from last year's \$1,175,561,634. The proposed county tax rate would garner \$9,348,303 for fiscal

year 2007. The 2006 county budget was \$9,127,934, and the proposed 2007 budget totals \$10,078,024, reflecting increased operating costs of various county departments, said County Judge Richard Peet. The \$729,721 difference between the proposed budget and proposed tax rate collection total could be taken from the county's projected \$2.1 million which will be left over after this fiscal year ends Sept. 30, Peet said. That would leave approximately

\$1.42 million in reserve funds, enough for a three-month cushion, Peet said. The county currently requires about \$500,000 per month to meet expenses such as bills and salaries. Proposed budget amounts for various county departments for fiscal 2007, with 2006 amounts in parentheses, are:
Law Library \$15,000 (\$15,000)
County Auditor \$131,981
See TAX, Page 3

Fun run/walk participants get T-shirts

Registration for the annual fun run/walk and 5K run at Pampa's Chautauqua begins at 7 a.m. Monday at Central Park. The one-mile fun run/walk begins at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K run at 8:20 a.m. Persons wishing to register by mail must do so before Aug. 30. Entry fees by mail are \$4 for the fun run/walk and \$8 for the 5K run. Entry fees on the day of the events is \$5 for the fun run/walk and \$10 for the 5K run. Entry fees are donated to the Pampa United Way. Participants will be divided into sex and age categories. All participants will receive a T-shirt. Trophies will be awarded to winners. Persons registering by mail must provide their first and last names, age, sex and
See RUN, Page 3



Courtesy photo

Colin Chalmers will perform Scottish songs on the bagpipes at the 25th annual Chautauqua celebration, Labor Day at the Central Park stage. A native of the Scottish Highlands, Chalmers will explain the workings of bagpipes during his performances at 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

Corvette caravan to run again Sept. 11

AMARILLO — The Amarillo Area Corvette Club and Westgate Chevrolet will sponsor the third annual "American Freedom Corvette Caravan" on Sept. 11 to commemorate the events of Sept. 11, 2001. This is a special event through the city to salute and remember local veterans, firemen, military and police who have and continue to put their lives on the line for our freedom. The caravan will have a police escort and will proceed by the Veterans Hospital and most Amarillo firehouses. This free event is open to all Corvettes and is open to the public to view the Corvettes at Westgate Chevrolet, Interstate 40 and Coulter. A barbecue meal by Desperado's will be avail-

able on the Westgate parking lot from 4 to 6:15 p.m. 4 p.m. — Registration (no fee) and lining up cars begins at Westgate Chevrolet when the barbecue and public viewing of the cars will be available. 5:30 p.m. — A ceremony with Palo Duro High School ROTC color guard. 5:45 p.m. — A mandatory drivers' meeting will be held. 6:15 p.m. — The caravan begins. 7:30 p.m. — Caravan returns to Westgate Chevrolet. Suggested locations to watch the Parade:
1. Westgate Chevrolet, I-40 & Coulter, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
2. Veterans Medical Center on West Amarillo
See CARAVAN, Page 3

CHAUTAUQUA - SEPTEMBER 4

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Eight traffic stops were made, resulting in at least two arrests.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 2800 block of Charles and the 100 block of East Harvester.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 800 block of East Scott, the 800 block of South Barnes, and the intersection of 19th and Chestnut streets.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby.

Civil matters were reported in the 1200 block of East Foster and the 300 block of Canadian.

Warrant service was attempted on two occasions, resulting in at least one arrest.

Agency assistance was

rendered in the 500 block of North Naida and the 900 block of Sierra.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 400 block of Hill. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance was reported in the 500 block of West Maple. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A suspicious person call was received from the 500 block of North Davis.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of Duncan, the 100 block of South Faulkner, and the 600 block of North Christy.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 700 block of East Frederic and the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 100 block of East Harvester and the 1000 block of Neel Road, where no injuries were reported.

Assault was reported at the intersection of 23rd and Charles streets.

Theft was reported at Quality Sales, 701 W. Brown, and in the 500 block of North Wells.

Burglary was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester and the 1100 block of Crane Road.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby. A socket set valued at \$60 was taken.

Burglary of a habitation and injury to a child were reported in the 500 block of Doyle. The child had minor injuries to the nose and bruising on one shoulder.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

LaJona Taylor Reeves, 43, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a warrant for driving while license is suspended.

Maria Torres, 26, of

Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of West Brown by Pampa Police Department for an accident involving personal injury or death.

Ronnie Lynn Chase, 61, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of Hill by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Wednesday, Aug. 30

Regina Brynne Tice, 26, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of Maple by PPD for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.

Jeremy Romero, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of North Wells by PPD for burglary of a habitation and injury to a child.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Aug. 30

2:24 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2800 block of Charles on a vehicle accident.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

8:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Northwest Texas Hospital and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

2:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2800 block of Charles and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient(s) to

PRMC.

10:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of South Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Naida. No transport.

11:24 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of South Faulkner and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

12:54 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Highway 60 and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

3:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to a local nursing facility.

5:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Sierra and transported a patient to PRMC.

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

HOYLER, Lanita Beezley — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

SADLER, Raymond Bruce — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Chillicothe Cemetery, Chillicothe.

Lira Keese, 88

ALANREED — Lira Keese, 88, died pending with Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2006. Services are McLean.

Ann Turner Wright, 60

SEYMOUR, Texas — Ann Turner Wright, 60, died Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006, in Seymour.

Wake services were held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at the Seymour Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday at the First United Methodist Church in Seymour with the Rev. Steve Ulrey, the Rev. Shores "Trey" Franklin Turner, III, and the Rev. Scott Turner officiating.

Burial was held at the Woodson Cemetery, Woodson, Texas, under the direction of Seymour Memorial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wright was an Independent Associate/Director for Prepaid Legal Services, Inc., and a Retired Head Bank Bookkeeper.

Survivors include her husband, C.H. Wright; daughters, Sheila W. Helton of Seymour, Texas, and Lorraine England of Iowa Park, Texas; sons, Charles H. Wright, Jr. of Chandler, Texas, John C. Helton of Briscoe, Texas, and Curtis England of Iowa Park, Texas; sisters, Loveta Hearn and husband Dalton of Rochester, Texas, Maxine Ingle and husband Tommy of Beeville, Texas, Frankie Simpkins and husband Olen Gene of Big Springs, Texas, Mollie Lee and

husband Buddy of Abilene, Texas, and Jean Meier and husband Allen of Rule, Texas; brothers, Sam "Junior" Turner and wife Shirlean of Monahans, Texas, and Kenny Turner and wife Judy of Nashville, Tenn.; brother-in-law, Luther Meier of Old Glory, Texas; sisters-in-law, Emma McCandless of Amarillo, Texas, and Marilyn McGough and husband Roy of Seymour, Texas; brothers-in-law, Buford Wright and wife Linda of Archer City, Texas, and Ron Wright of Seymour, Texas; grandchildren, Marlana Helton and Torrie Stone of Carter, Okla., Charly Helton and Calvin Helton of Briscoe, Texas, Candice Wright, Chasidy Wright, Caleb England and Cayleigh England,



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all of Iowa Park, Texas; great-grandchildren, Keaton Nye Helton, Ashlyn Rose Stone, Trinity Paige Stone and Tate Kyle Stone, all of Carter, Okla.; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, S.F. and Willie Mae (Goode) Turner, Sr.; her in-laws, B.E. and Margaret (Ervin) Wright, Sr.; sister, Frances Meier; brother-in-law, Joel McCandless; and great-grandson, Austin Lane Stone.

Memorials may be made to the Charity of Your choice.

Grace Randolph, 98

Grace Randolph, 98, of Pampa, Texas, died Aug. 29, 2006, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 1, 2006, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Randolph was born Dec. 11, 1907, in Wilson, Okla. She married Aubia Gilbert Randolph of Wilson, Okla., in 1927. After having three children, they moved to Pampa in 1943.

He preceded her in death in 1997.

She was a homemaker and an active member of the Calvary Baptist Church where she was their oldest living member. Failing health caused her to leave Pampa and reside with her daughter, Betty, where she lived until she was unable to function on her own, and was moved to a nursing center in San Antonio.

She subsequently lived in another nursing

home in Comanche where her son lived, and upon the death of her son Sam in January of 2006, she moved to the Amarillo Nursing Center, near her daughter Myrna.

Survivors include two daughters, Betty Nelson of San Antonio and Myrna Fort of Amarillo; one sister, Lou Gray of San Antonio; one daughter-in-law, Patti Randolph of Comanche; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by one son, Sam Randolph; four brothers; and two sisters.

MEMORIALS: Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at the funeral home immediately following the services.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Raymond Bruce Sadler, Sr., 86

Raymond Bruce Sadler, Sr., 86, of Pampa, died Aug. 29, 2006, at Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Chillicothe Cemetery in Chillicothe with the Rev. David Hartwig, pastor of First Baptist Church of Chillicothe, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Sadler was born June 17, 1920, at Quanah. He married Vivian Louise Metcalf on March 26, 1939, in Hollis, Okla.; she died Jan. 29, 2005. He lived in Plainview from 1963 until moving to Pampa in 2005.

Mr. Sadler was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, serving aboard the USS Ontario during World War II. He founded Hale County Sheet Metal and operated it until his retire-

ment in the late 1990s.

Mr. Sadler served as an assistant Boy Scout troop leader for Troop 221 in Plainview from 1964 until 1969, and on Jan. 22, 1993 was inducted into the Haynes District Boy Scout Hall of Fame. He was a member of Order of the Arrow.

He was preceded in death by a sister Dorothy James; one brother, Porter Sadler, Jr.; and one grandson, Thomas Grant.

Survivors include three sons, Raymond Bruce Sadler, Jr. of Dolores, Colo., Joe Sadler of Vernon and Gil Sadler of Pampa; one sister, Pansy Brownlow of Quanah; three grandsons; and 10 great-grandchildren.

MEMORIALS: Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 83. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 62. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. South-

west wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. South-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thun-

derstorms, mainly after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 83. East wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around

58. North-northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Cleaning up



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Economy grows at a 2.9 percent pace in spring

WASHINGTON (AP) — The economy grew at a 2.9 percent annual rate in the spring — better than first estimated but nowhere near the brisk pace logged in the winter, another sign of slowing business growth. Inflation marched higher.

The latest snapshot of economic activity, released by the Commerce Department today, showed that gross domestic product in the April-to-June quarter increased slightly more than the 2.5 percent pace first reported a month ago. That upgrade mostly reflected an improvement in the country's trade picture and stronger inventory building by businesses.

The upward revision, though, didn't change the big picture of the economy: In the spring, it slowed sharply from the first quarter's 5.6 percent pace, the strongest growth spurt in 2 1/2 years, as consumers and businesses tightened the belt.

Gross domestic product measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States and is considered the best barometer of the

country's economic standing.

The second-quarter's showing was slightly less than the 3 percent pace that analysts were expecting.

"Revisions to the second quarter GDP data reflect a nip here and a tuck there rather than major cosmetic surgery and thus don't substantively change the look of the U.S. economy," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group.

Even though the economy lost momentum in the spring compared with the winter, inflation moved higher.

An inflation gauge closely watched by the Federal Reserve showed that core prices — excluding food and energy — advanced at a rate of 2.8 percent in the second quarter, up from a 2.1 percent pace in the first quarter.

The second quarter's increase matched that seen in the first quarter of 2001 and hasn't been higher since the third quarter of 1994 when this inflation measure rose at a 3.2 percent pace.

With the economy slowing, the Federal Reserve earlier this month halted a rate-raising campaign that lasted

for more than two years. The decision was a "close call" minutes of the meeting revealed.

The Fed meets next on Sept. 20 and there's uncertainty about its next move. Some economists believe rates will be left alone again, while others think a rate increase will be needed to keep inflation in check.

Fed policy-makers, concerned about inflation, are keeping the door open to a rate increase; but they are betting that inflation pressures will gradually lessen as economic growth moderates.

Oil prices, which hit a new record closing high of \$77.03 a barrel in mid-July, have retreated and are hovering below \$70 a barrel.

The average retail price of gasoline nationwide has fallen by nearly 20 cents over the past three weeks to \$2.85 a gallon.

However, high energy prices forced consumers and businesses alike to tighten their belts in the second quarter, a big reason why the economy slowed so sharply from the prior quarter.

Tax

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Building Maintenance \$100,706 (\$97,976)
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Courthouse Security \$16,000 (\$15,000)
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White Deer Land Museum Special \$2,500 (\$2,000)
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Commissioners will also consider replacement of a Precinct 4 employee during Thursday's meeting.
The second public hearing on the proposed county tax rate will be Sept. 8.

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Pipeline

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America system is a regulated NGL pipeline system consisting of three NGL pipelines: the 2,548-mile Rocky Mountain pipeline, the 2,740-mile Conway North pipeline and the 1,938-mile Conway South pipeline.

Duluth police find pot near

DULUTH, Minn. (AP) — Punsters might say the West Duluth police substation is going to pot.

A dozen marijuana plants were found growing in a planter near the substation's front door. It was estimated they had been growing for about three weeks.

"The only thing I can say is somebody has a sense of humor," said one policeman.

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city and state of residence. They must also indicate which event they plan to participate in, and their T-shirt size.

Entries may be mailed to Pampa Regional Medical Center, Attention: Terry Barnes, One Medical Plaza, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Viewpoints

English language is a victim of the enablers

All across the U.S., hordes of immigrants — legal and illegal — are chattering away in their native language and have no intention of learning English — the all-but-official language of the United States where they now live.

Can you blame them? They are being enabled by all those diversity fanatics to defy the age-old custom of immigrants to our shores who made it one of their first priorities to learn to speak English and to teach their offspring to do likewise.

It was a case of sink or swim. If you couldn't speak English you couldn't get by, go to school, get a job, or become a citizen and vote.

Nowadays we kowtow to demands that everything from ballots to official docu-

ments be presented in many native languages as well as in English.

The result? According to Census Bureau statistics reported in Human Events:

- In California, 42.3 percent of the people do not speak English at home. More than 28 percent speak Spanish instead. One in five Californians told the Census Bureau they speak English "less than very well."

- In the city of Los Angeles, for example, 60.8 percent of the people do not speak English at home. Instead, more than 44 percent speak Spanish while 31.3 percent say they speak English "less than very well."

- In the city of Santa Ana, a whopping 84.7 percent do

not speak English at home while more than 75 percent speak Spanish instead, and 50.8 percent say they speak English "less than very well."

Michael Reagan

Columnist

- In Miami, Florida, 78.9 percent do not speak English at home, 69.8 percent speak Spanish instead, and 46.7 percent say they speak English "less than very well."

- In Passaic, N.J., 72.7 percent of the people do not speak English at home, 62.9 percent speak Spanish instead, and 45.4 percent say they speak English "less than very well."

The 10 states with the greatest percentage of people five years and over who speak a language other than



English at home are: 1. California: 42.3 percent; 2. New Mexico: 36.1 percent; 3. Texas: 33.6 percent; 4. New York: 28.2 percent; 5. Arizona: 27.4 percent; 5. (tie) New Jersey: 27.4 percent; 7. Nevada: 26.2 percent; 8. Florida: 25.4 percent; 9. Hawaii: 24 percent; and 10. Illinois: 21.5 percent.

Where is all this leading? The other day I read a story headlined "Will English

Survive Immigrant Flood?" As Pat Buchanan warns in his new book, "State of Emergency — Third World Invasion and Conquest of America," if our language is gone, the conquest is complete.

What holds the country together is the commonality of language. When the Census Bureau released its American Community Survey they revealed that the U.S. continues to be inundated by a flood of immigrants, both legal and illegal. And the question this raises is are they learning our language, are they assimilating into our culture? The statistics cited above say the answer is a resounding no.

Last year one in five people in Washington, D.C.,

were immigrants, compared to one in six in 2000. According to The Washington Post, the city is one of eight U.S. metropolitan areas — along with New York, Los Angeles, Miami, Chicago, San Francisco, Houston and Dallas — that have at least a million immigrants each.

Shockingly, a large segment of this rising population of immigrants does not speak English at home and does not intend to.

Incredibly, while huge numbers of immigrants already here refuse to learn English, in other parts of the world people are learning English just so they can come here. As I heard last

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 30, the 242nd day of 2006. There are 123 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 30, 1862, Union forces were defeated by the Confederates at the Second Battle of Bull Run in Manassas, Va.

On this date:

In 1797, the creator of "Frankenstein," Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, was born in London.

In 1861, Union Gen. John C. Fremont instituted martial law in Missouri and declared slaves there to be free. (However, Fremont's order was countermanded days later by President Lincoln).

In 1905, Ty Cobb made his major-league debut as a player for the Detroit Tigers, hitting a double in his first at-bat in a game against the New York Highlanders. (The Tigers won 5-3.)

In 1945, Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Japan to set up Allied occupation headquarters.

"It is easier to live through someone else than to become complete yourself."

— Betty Friedan
American feminist and author (1921-2006)

In 1963, the "Hot Line" communications link between Washington and Moscow went into operation.

In 1967, the Senate confirmed the appointment of Thurgood Marshall as the first black justice on the Supreme Court.

In 1983, Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first black American astronaut to travel in space, blasting off aboard the Challenger.

Our readers write

Why sale fireworks during burn bans?

We've had too many fires, lost livestock, feed and lives this past year.

I agree we should have burn bans and strictly enforce them, but can anyone tell me why we allow fireworks to be sold in counties with burn bans? Where

on earth do you suppose they will be used?

I guess we are supposed to assume they will abide by these bans and drive as far as need be to set them off legally.

Phyllis Fleetwood Pampa

"SWEARING" IN CEREMONY...



Watch out for the terrorist bogeyman

If President Bush is really religious, then I imagine he fell on his knees recently and thanked God that British intelligence uncovered the plot to blow up eight or nine airliners over the Atlantic.

This excellent work by the British and Pakistani security forces has enabled Bush to switch the emphasis from the Iraq War, which has earned him unpopularity, to his ambiguous war on terror, where he retains some credibility.

The Republican campaign theme is already clear: Vote for a Democrat and you will encourage the terrorists. Vote for a Democrat and the big, bad terrorists will get you. The Republicans have kept us safe. And, for the duration of the campaign, the GOP will no longer talk about the Iraq War being the central front in the war on terrorism. In fact,

Republicans won't talk about Iraq at all if they can avoid it.

Since my contempt for most American politicians is bipartisan, I have no desire to defend Democrats. The Republican campaign, however, is mendacious and dishonest. It wasn't Democrats who pulled our dogs off the hunt for Osama bin Laden and sent them to Iraq. This was probably the greatest single blunder in Mr. Bush's war on terrorism. And it was not Democrats who gave medals to the two lunkeads, George Tenet and Paul Wolfowitz, who provided the disinformation that got us into the war in Iraq. It was, however,

Democrats who insisted on a homeland security department, which Bush initially opposed. No Democrat has ever opposed tapping the phones or intercepting the international calls of people involved in terrorism. All they have asked is that the president obey the law and obtain a warrant. Democrats are just as willing to fight terrorism as Republicans, and just as eager to please Israel. In almost all respects, there are no real differences.

Long before George Wallace said there wasn't a dime's worth of difference between the two parties, Huey P. Long, Louisiana's original kingfish, made the same point in a more humor-

ous manner. August, by the way, is Long's birthday (Aug. 30, 1893). You might want to toast the former governor and U.S. senator from Louisiana with a sip of bourbon. He was such a powerful force in the state that some old-timers still hate him and some still love him. If you are at all interested in politics, you should read his autobiography, "Every Man a King." It was written in 1933, but Da Capo Press published a new edition in 1996. It is still relevant and a great read.

American politics has always been a rough-and-tumble game, usually with more lies than truth, and often involving slander, libel, bribery, stolen elections and occasionally even murder. Long was assassinated. Andy Jackson's oppo-

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **Aug. 21**
Austin American-Statesman on the effects of the Texas drought:

Unless your private well has run dry or your boat dock is aground, the numbers being generated by the drought are as removed from you as the path of that thick, medium rare steak on your dinner table.

The lack of rainfall during the past 16 months here and in many parts of Texas has cost our economy \$4.1 billion, a modern record, and is of a severity that is being compared to the last most awful drought of the early 1950s. The overall economic effect on the

Texas farm economy, when you add in business lost to farm implement, feed, veterinary and other related companies, could reach \$8 billion, according to the Texas Cooperative Extension.

Crop losses alone are \$2.5 billion, \$1 billion of it in cotton, the state's most important cash crop. The cattle business has taken a \$1.6 billion hit. Ranchers in the nation's leading cattle-producing state have sold 200,000 more head this year than last because they can't afford to feed them. Drought has killed 77 percent of the hay crop that was supposed to feed cattle this season, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The winter wildfires that burned 1 million acres and killed 11 Texans, prompting Gov. Perry to declare all of

Texas a drought disaster area, are reappearing this summer in the state's driest places, particularly the counties north of Dallas along the Oklahoma border.

And as if the surface water news weren't bad enough, the drought is accelerating the dropping water table of the Ogallala Aquifer, which provides 40 percent of the water Texas uses.

But what do all those numbers mean here, where we water our lawns at will, and the store shelves are full of meat, dairy products and produce at prices that are not perceptibly higher than usual? Some residents in Hays County say their wells have run dry and more will follow as the area develops. But the water levels of Lakes Buchanan and

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Reagan

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year in Kenya, the students there said that English is the language of business. I to get ahead in this world you have to learn to speak it.

We are really enabling immigrants to avoid learning English and assimilating into our culture because we

give them everything they need so they don't have to learn to speak English or become part of the traditional melting pot.

By enabling these people, we build an enclave for them that looks just like what they ran away from at home, thereby preventing them from assimilating and becoming part of the American dream. English is the language of business and trade — if you can't speak it you can't get out of the occupational ghetto and move

up the ladder. You are stuck where you are.

Tragically, the answer to the question of English surviving the immigrant invasion is probably "no." The English language is on its death bed, a victim of the enablers.

—Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

Reese

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nents in the presidential election arranged for the nation's deadliest duelist to insult Jackson's beloved wife, knowing Jackson would challenge the man.

They expected Jackson to be killed. The man they had chosen had already killed 26 men in duels. Old Hickory, however, was hard to kill.

He took a bullet in the chest, but stayed on his feet and shot dead his opponent. Later he told his doctor, who had expressed amazement that he had remained on his feet, "I'd have stayed on my feet long enough to kill that (expletive) even if he had shot me in the brain."

Today's politicians, living in these hypersensitive, oh-so-politically correct times, are sissies compared with those of the 19th and even early 20th centuries. The contemporary politician's lies and insults have a feminine quality, as if politicians are a bunch

of embittered women exchanging catty remarks at a bridge party.

Oh, well, Sir John Glubb — or Glubb Pasha, as he was called by the Arab Legion — said in a monograph that a sure sign of the decline of empire is the rise of feminism. Bossy women and effeminate men are, he thought, ill-suited for the stern duties of an empire. We may be becoming as a nation what my Southern ancestors said of New England — a land of long-haired men and short-haired women.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

Drought

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Travis aren't close to being as low as the years-long 1950s drought or the more recent droughts of the mid-1990s or 2000-01.

And if things are so bad in North Texas, word has not gotten to the Crow family of Highland Park. The father and son development and real estate dynasty pays more the \$10,000 each month to pour a combined 3 million gallons of water on the lawns of their respective estates. By comparison, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, who lives not far from the Crows, is a

strict conservationist, using just a sprinkle more than 510,000 gallons a month. Most of us get by on 8,000 to 9,000 gallons a month, bathing included.

The Crows aren't yet prohibited from using a resource they can pay for. But as our urban culture detaches itself from our agrarian past, we are less aware of how bound we remain to the land we pave over and the water we pump.

In the 1930s, before we possessed the technology to bring water up from deep in the Ogallala, drought and wind caused the soil to rise up and blow away, and hundreds of thousands of Texas farmers left with it. In the 1950s, the drought lasted for so many years that a second generation was forced

to find jobs in the city.

Farmers have adapted, irrigating from the aquifers and holding down part-time jobs to ride out failed hay, winter wheat, corn and cotton crops. Our cities and their suburbs continue to grow. We install underground sprinkler systems for our lawns. We blast holes in our back yards for swimming pools. No one we know has said they're thinking of pulling up stakes because of this recent spell of dry weather.

In our air-conditioned homes, we embrace the illusion that we live in somewhere other than a land in perpetual drought interrupted from time to time by flood. The sweltering reality is that this illusion has a staggering cost.

Man dead, female hostage and police officer wounded in hotel standoff

DALLAS (AP) — A man took a woman hostage in an airport hotel room early today and shot through the wall at police, hitting one officer and sparking a standoff before apparently shooting himself, authorities said.

Dallas Police spokesman Lt. Rick Watson said the woman had two gunshot wounds as she emerged from the room about 3 hours later and told officers the man had shot himself. Their relationship and what sparked the shooting wasn't immediately clear.

The woman was in serious condition at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Watson said. Officer Jeremy Borchardt, also at Parkland, was in stable condition after surgery to repair a cut artery in his upper thigh, Watson said.

The standoff began after

911 operators received a call shortly after 4 a.m. reporting a person injured in a fourth-floor room at a Radisson Hotel near Dallas Love Field.

Paramedics arrived but weren't allowed in, Dallas fire-rescue spokeswoman Annette Ponce. The police officer then tried to enter the room and was shot through the wall from inside. The paramedics pulled the officer to safety, Ponce said.

Officer Gerald Runnels, who was with Borchardt at the hotel, said he tried to talk to the man and calm him down before the shot was fired through the wall.

"I tried to talk him down," Runnels told KDFW-TV. "I could hear him hitting the lady, I could hear the lady screaming, hollering for help."

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Events calendar

• **Pampa Community Concert Association** Presents "Live On Stage" has released its current concert schedule. The schedule is as follows: "The Centurymen" 7 p.m., Sept. 20, First Baptist Church in Pampa; pianist Alpin Hong, 2:30 p.m., Oct. 1, M.K. Brown Auditorium; "Puttin' on the Hitz, A Salute to Irving Berlin," 7:30 p.m., Feb. 15, Borger High School Auditorium; Bronn and Katherine Journey, harpist and vocalist, 7:30 p.m., March 19, M.K. Brown Auditorium. For more information, call 665-0343 or 665-2631.

• **Habitat For Horses, Inc.**, is in the area distributing horse feed, hay, medical and barn supplies. The volunteer organization will continue to organize feed and hay drives to the fire damaged area and coordinate distribution centers as needed. For more information, call (866) 434-5737 or (806) 681-5858.

• **Life Line Screening** will be at First Baptist Church, 203 N. West St., in Pampa on Friday. All screenings are by appointment only. A fee will be charged. Life Line will be screening for stroke/carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysms, ankle brachial index and osteoporosis. The deadline to register is Aug. 31. For more information or to make an appointment, call 1-800-697-9721.

• **Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees** will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout October. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be

shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Blue Spruces, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Aug. 31. For more information, check out the foundation's Web site at www.arborday.org on the Internet.

• **The 62nd Annual Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Rodeo** Saturday and Sunday & Seventh Annual Old Tascosa Rendezvous Friday, Saturday and Sunday, to be held at Cal Farley's, is coming up. Students

from Boys Ranch and Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A., will compete for buckles and saddles. The rodeo will begin at 2:30 p.m. each day and will include a barbecue lunch. Tickets are \$5 general admission or \$8 for box seats. Presented by historical re-enactors, the Rendezvous will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission to the Rendezvous is free.

• **GED classes** are set to begin Sept. 6. Pampa ISD and Region XVI will provide free GED classes for eligible adults. Classes will be offered from 6-8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Travis Elementary School. For more information, call Sabrina East at 669-4700.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET

The following notice publication is required by House Bill 432, passed by the 71st Legislature in 1989, effective September 1, 1989

The Gray County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2007 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held at a meeting to begin at 8:30 a.m. on September 12, 2006 at the Gray County Appraisal District offices, 815 North Sumner, Pampa, Texas.

The following is a summary of the Appraisal District budget in the manner and form prescribed by Section 6.062 of the Texas Property Tax Code:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$576,404.

The total increase over the current year's budget is \$18,683 or 3.3499%

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 9 (full-time employees).

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 9 (full-time employees).

The increase in the proposed budget is due to increase in normal operation expenses and recent legislation.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at a public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school district, cities and towns served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I love your column and non-sense advice. I guess what I want is for you to tell me it is OK to change careers. I am a registered nurse who graduated from nursing school a year ago and hates her job. I am getting ready to change careers. It will cost me money, but I feel the payoff in time and peace of mind is worth it. What do I say to people who are going to criticize me for it? Yes, I know it seems crazy to have spent four years getting a degree and not use it, but I really don't like nursing. The problem is mainly the other nurses and the environment, not my patients. Again, thanks for all you do. You do make a difference. — **SUSAN IN ST. LOUIS**

DEAR SUSAN: Whoa, not so fast! If you were unhappy in your career, you would get no argument from me about changing it. However, before you make a final decision about leaving nursing, I urge you to consider that there is more than one way to practice the profession. Among them is private duty nursing. Or getting a job as a nurse with a cruise line. Or becoming a traveling nurse. (Google "Travel nurses.") Agencies offer opportunities to travel and work anywhere in the 50 states. Some provide housing, meals allowance, continuing education courses and signing bonuses. It may be possible to use the training you worked so hard to attain and not have to deal with the "other nurses" and the "environment." Please think it over and check out nursing registries in your state before you make your final decision. You may be pleasantly surprised.

DEAR ABBY: The man of my dreams, whom I have been with for seven years, has started cutting himself. I feel like I am losing my grip on reality, since in the past he has always talked to me when he had a problem. He is on anti-depressants, but they seem not to be working. What can I do

to help him see that he can talk to me, and this is not something he needs to continue? He is a quiet person, so no one knows about this -- just me and his daughters. Please help me. I am scared that one day I will come home and he will be dead. — **CRAZY WITH WORRY, HAWKINSVILLE, GA.**

DEAR CRAZY WITH WORRY: It is far more important that the man of your dreams start talking to a mental health professional than it is that he confide in you right now. When people are so depressed that they start cutting, it is an indication that they need an intervention that's beyond the ability of a friend with a willing ear. The place to start is to discuss this with the doctor who is giving the man of your dreams those anti-depressants. I urge you to see that it is done now, because he could seriously hurt himself, or worse.

DEAR ABBY: My brother is 16, just one year younger than I am, but he's doing some risky things that have me worried. One of the risks he is taking is against the law -- he's drinking alcohol. I told him not to, but as a teenage boy, he thinks listening to his older sister is not cool. I can't tell my parents because then I'd be a snitch and a tattletale. What can I do? — **WAVERING IN WICHITA, KAN.**

DEAR WAVERING: Some secrets are meant to be kept, others are better broken. Drinking and drugs fall into the latter category. Tell your parents what is going on before your brother gets into serious trouble, and ask them to keep what you told them confidential. Once they have been made aware of your brother's drinking, "catching" him while he's inebriated won't be difficult.

For Better Or For Worse



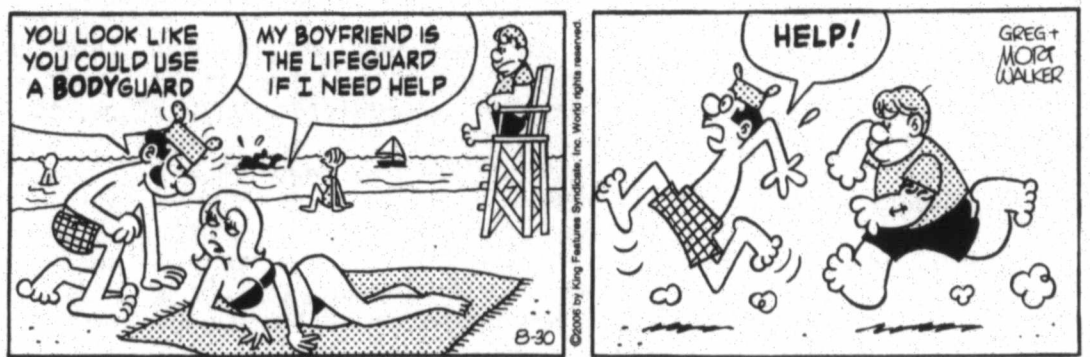
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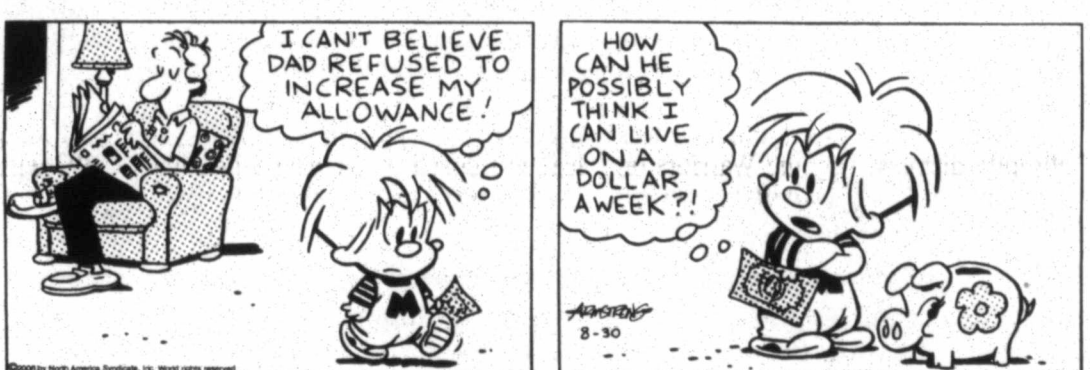
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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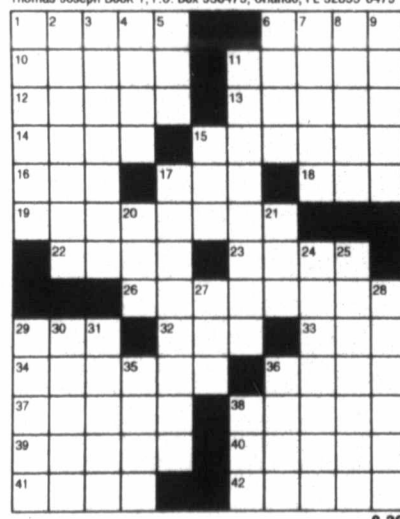
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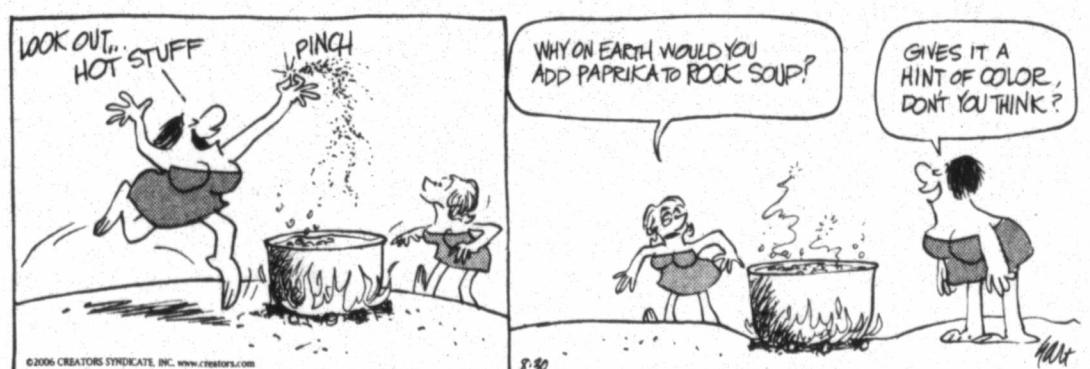
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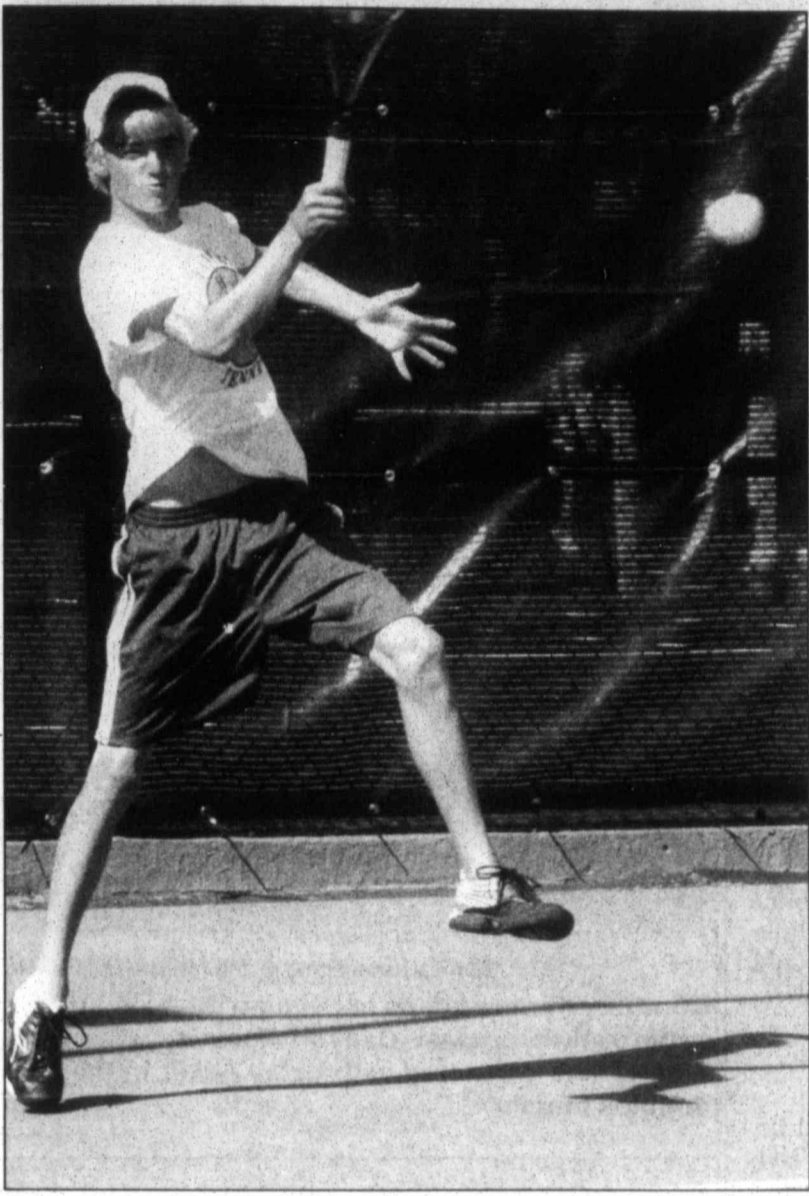
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Sports Day



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Pampa's Kevin Frels returns a serve during a boys doubles match Tuesday afternoon as the Harvesters hosted Canyon. Frels was teamed with Tyler Morris.

Harvesters have tough go at home

The Harvester Tennis team lost to Canyon Tuesday, 28-0.

In the first home match of the season, Pampa started off slow and was unable to pick it up for the remainder of the match. This is the third year in a row that Canyon was able to blank Pampa in a preseason match.

Coach Emily Laurence said, "Canyon always has a good team that is ready to play and does not want to lose at all cost. What we can take from this match is to try to imitate their mentality. We have to learn to hate losing and give 100 percent in practice and in matches so that we can return to dominance."

Players of the match are Kevin Frels and Haley Acker. "Kevin Frels and Haley Acker played well but came up a little short in the end. With them, we just need to learn to finish out matches and hope that their hard work ethic can rub off on the rest of the team," Laurence said.

Pampa next plays Tuesday afternoon against Borger at home.

Pampa 0, Canyon 28

Boys Doubles

Frels/Morris lost to Good/Dees 1-8
Foreman/McNeely lost to Bernard/Hodge 2-8
Ware/Couts lost to Albrecht/Burgoon 2-8
Conner/Hendricks lost to Eilert/Robbins 1-8

Girls Doubles

Acker/Farmer lost to Batenhorst/Sweetgall 6-8
O'Neal/Julian lost to Bass/Olson 2-8
Barnett/Lee lost to Houlette/Hicks 2-8
Albracht/Hernandez lost to Friemel/Wilson 1-8

Mixed Doubles

Patterson/Fortenberry lost to Cowan/Wright 4-8

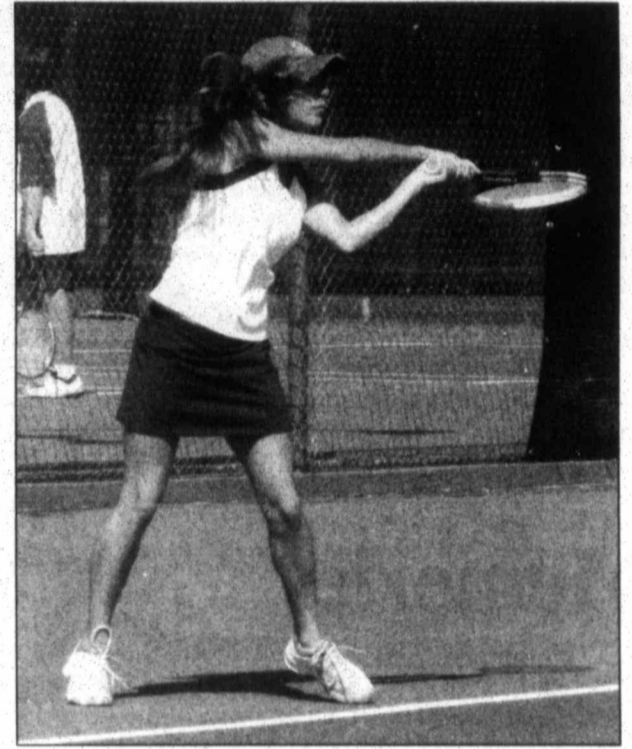
Boys Singles

Kevin Frels lost to Cullen Dees 7-5, 1-6, (2-10)
Tyler Morris lost to Travis Good 1-6, 0-6
Jareth Fortenberry lost to Dustin Almond 4-6, 0-6
Myles Foreman lost to Harrison Albrecht 0-6, 0-6
Landon McNeely lost to Corbin Russell 4-6, 2-6
Jack Ware lost to Ryan Cowan 2-6, 0-6

Garrett Couts lost to Kyle Robbins 1-6, 0-6
Bryce Hendricks lost to John Eilert 0-6, 1-6
Ryan Conner lost to Reece Burgoon 0-6, 0-6
Jacob Collins lost to Seth Bernard 0-8

Girls Singles

Haley Acker lost to Schuele Batenhorst 3-6, 3-6
Kourtney Farmer lost to Lindsey Sweetgall 3-6, 5-7
Maegan Patterson lost to Shelby Hicks 2-6, 3-6
Katie O'Neal lost to Lindsey Wright 2-6, 2-6
Anna Julian lost to Jennifer Bass 3-6, 0-6
Megan Barnett lost to Kylee Olson 1-6, 1-6
Rachel Lee lost to Kesli Houlette 0-6, 0-6
Brenna Albracht lost to Katherine Wilson 0-6, 0-6
Ashley Hernandez lost to Stephanie Friemel 0-6, 0-6



Haley Acker fires a volley Tuesday afternoon.

Warriors lure Nelson out of retirement

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - Don Nelson is coming back to the Golden State Warriors after 11 1/2 years. Maybe the NBA's second-winningest coach can bring a little respectability with him.

Coach Mike Montgomery was abruptly dismissed by the Warriors on Tuesday, and Nelson will be rehired for the job he held for nearly seven seasons, an NBA source told The Associated Press.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal hadn't been announced, said the 66-year-old Nelson settled his differences with Warriors owner Chris Cohan and agreed to return to a team that has been Golden in name only since the second-winningest coach in NBA history left in February 1995.

The Warriors have the league's longest playoff drought, with eight failed coaches during 12 consecutive losing seasons despite a loyal fan base that still remembers the up tempo excitement of the club's years under its beloved "Nellie," a three-time NBA coach of the year.

Chris Mullin, who played for Nelson throughout the coach's first tenure, will now be Nelson's boss as the Warriors' executive vice president of basketball operations.

With just five weeks left before training camp opens, Mullin made his move with awkward timing - but such inelegance is far from surprising with the Warriors, who have changed plans almost annually since Nelson's departure.

Nelson went 277-260 from 1988-95 and led Golden State to its last playoff appearance in 1994, creating charisma and respectability that gradually vanished over the next decade. Nelson has won 1,190 games in a career that also includes stops in Milwaukee, New

York and Dallas, where he won 339 games and led the Mavericks' revitalization from 1998 until March 2005.

He left Dallas amid health concerns and a general weariness with the league's grind. Avery Johnson, his groomed successor, became the league's coach of the year while leading the Mavs to their first NBA finals last season.

But while Nelson spent the season as a Mavericks consultant and a regular at Nellies Sports Bar in downtown Dallas, he was widely rumored to be eager to return to the sidelines. Golden State must buy out Nelson's consulting deal with Dallas, which reportedly runs for several more seasons.

The Warriors scheduled a news conference for tonight but didn't divulge the reason.

Montgomery had identical 34-48 records in his two seasons with the club, failing to make a dent in the culture of losing and distrust that has permeated the franchise.

Mullin has been thought to be unhappy with Montgomery since shortly after he was hired, but the Warriors' top executive repeatedly stated Montgomery would return for the upcoming season.

"Based on this agreement, we will now focus our efforts in a different direction and do what we think is in the best interest for this team," Mullin said in a statement.

Mullin didn't return a phone call, and Nelson didn't answer his phone at his home in Maui. Four Golden State players also didn't return calls for comment.

Nelson's arrival is a dramatic move that might drum up interest in the Warriors, who promised big offseason changes after missing the playoffs. Mullin couldn't deliver any such theatrics, only swapping Derek Fisher to

the Utah Jazz for three players.

But the key players left in Oakland - Baron Davis, Jason Richardson, Troy Murphy and youngsters Ike Diogu and Monta Ellis - could be a good fit for Nelson's fast-paced style of offense.

Montgomery, who led Stanford to 393 wins over 18 seasons before jumping across the Bay to Golden State in 2004, was midway through a four-year, \$10 million contract. The Warriors didn't release any details about Montgomery's severance package.

"This was a new challenge that I was eager to embrace and glad that I had the chance to pursue and experience," Montgomery said in a statement.

Only Lenny Wilkens has more NBA victories (1,315) than Nelson, who took over the Bucks in 1976 after a stint as a playing assistant coach.

He was the coach of the year twice in Milwaukee before moving to Golden State, where he won the award again. He also installed the run-and-gun offense that made stars of Tim Hardaway, Mitch Richmond and Mullin, still beloved to Warriors fans as the "Run T-M-C" trio.

But things went sour in Oakland during the 1993-94 season when he clashed with Chris Webber, the first overall pick in the draft. Webber was traded to Washington early in the following season, but Nelson stuck around only a few months longer.

Nelson's tenure in Dallas started poorly but became quite successful with owner Mark Cuban's money behind the coach's unorthodox schemes. But the Mavericks didn't win their first conference championship until Nelson - who has never led a team to the NBA finals - turned over the club to Johnson.

Basketball boosters to meet Thursday

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School Basketball Booster Club will host a meeting at 7 Thursday night in the PHS library. All members and parents of those players expecting to play in the upcoming basketball season are encouraged to attend.

HOOSIER LAWSUIT

Court says IU trustees do not have to reveal details of Knight's firing

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) - Two Indiana University trustees who investigated Bob Knight were acting as attorneys and do not have to reveal details that led to the firing of the former basketball coach, a judge ruled Tuesday.

The decision was a defeat for The Indianapolis Star's five-year-old lawsuit, which contended that IU violated the state's open records law in its refusal to release the unfiltered information related to Knight's dismissal in May 2000.

Special Judge Jane Craney of Morgan County ruled that the records were exempt from the state's Access to Public Records Act because they were "work product" protected by attorney-client privilege.

The ruling echoed the argument made in August 2005 in testimony by former IU President Myles Brand, now president of the NCAA.

If Craney had decided that Fred Eichhorn and John Walda were acting as

trustees during the investigation, the information they gathered could have been made public.

Walda and Eichhorn interviewed current and former players, managers, coaches and athletic staff and enlisted a private investigator and videotape expert to help. The trustees were not paid but were reimbursed for expenses.

The investigation looked into allegations against Knight by former player Neil Reed. Reed claimed in a television interview that Knight choked him in practice, ordered Brand out of Assembly Hall and waved soiled toilet paper at players.

Craney first ruled in favor of IU, but the Indiana Court of Appeals said the Reed documents should be disclosed if Walda and Eichhorn acted as trustees when they investigated.

Knight, now the coach at Texas Tech, was fired by Indiana in 2000 after he angrily grabbed the arm of a student who greeted him by his last name.

'They cannot take away memories of that season and that night

By JIM LITKE
Associated Press

One of the neat, inspirational little sports stories left in the wake of Hurricane Katrina might not be all it was cracked up to be. Things don't get much sadder than that.

A year after the storm hit the Gulf Coast, and nine months after Bastrop High took in a few dozen kids Katrina scattered and then won the Rams' first state football title in nearly 80 years, the Louisiana High School Athletic Association wants its trophy back.

People who thought they were extending a helping hand are stunned to hear someone else label it a grab.

"I remember when the kids first came up here last year, it was big news because the school and town was

doing such a good thing," Bastrop resident Patricia Bareswill said before a town hall meeting Tuesday night in Bastrop. "Now it's a bad thing?"

That depends on who you ask. The LHSAA cleared Bastrop after an investigation last winter, but another complaint from a different school prompted a second look. This time, the organization ruled that a handful of kids from Port Sulphur High School who played last season at Bastrop, including the star quarterback, were illegally recruited. If the ruling stands, the two kids with eligibility remaining won't get to play this season, either.

In the wake of the larger tragedies Katrina wrought, this might seem like just another small indignity. Almost no one disputes the letter of the transfer law was violated. Instead, what's mak-

ing people in Bastrop so sad and so mad at the same time is that outsiders will think they violated the spirit, too.

This in a corner of the world where just about everybody's spirit has been sorely tested for some time now.

"We gave our time and money and labor to assist neighbors," state Rep. Charles McDonald said Tuesday over the phone. "That's the long and short of it."

"Times weren't great and that state championship became a rallying event for our community. People were just trying to take care of people and maybe they did get caught up in some technical violation. But they're taking away the title and the kids' chance to play. That I just don't understand."

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Rain plays havoc with U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) - Amelie Mauresmo wiped raindrops from her face and Lleyton Hewitt nearly skidded into the splits as bad weather played havoc with the U.S. Open on a stop-and-go Tuesday.

The start of play was delayed 3 1/2 hours, giving sleepy-eyed fans extra time to recover after watching Andre Agassi finish off his first-round win at 12:30 a.m. EDT.

Two weather-related suspensions left the courts empty by late afternoon, and a shaky forecast put in

jeopardy night matches involving Maria Sharapova and James Blake. All eight men's doubles matches were postponed, and a remembrance of Hurricane Katrina on the one-year anniversary was pushed back to today.

"It can be tough when you're waiting around all day," said 13th-seeded Mary Pierce, still waiting to begin her match against Elena Vesnina of Russia. "Sometimes you have to be ready in 20 minutes after you've been waiting for hours."

Rangers drop O's; Astros sink Brewers

Focus

Rangers 9, Orioles 4
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Kevin Millwood struggled at home all season - until Tuesday night.

The right-hander gave up eight hits in his second complete game of the year and Mark Teixeira hit a tiebreaking homer, leading the Texas Rangers to a 9-4 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

Millwood (13-9) struck out a season-high eight and did not issue a walk in his 14th career complete game, tying Vicente Padilla for the team lead in wins. Millwood has won all three starts against Baltimore this season, including two complete games.

After a shaky first three innings, during which he allowed three runs and six hits, Millwood retired 18 straight until Kevin Millar doubled with two outs in the ninth and David Newhan followed with an RBI single. Millwood then got Ramon Hernandez to ground out to first to end the game.

"I always enjoy being able to go nine and get the win, but this is a little sweeter because I've struggled at home," said Millwood, who started the night 4-6 with a 6.14 ERA at home this season.

His two best home starts this year have come against the Orioles.

"I thought we were going to get him early," Baltimore manager Sam Perlozzo said. "But he painted the cor-

ners, attacked the strike zone and made good pitches. We couldn't get anything going."

For Millwood, the ability to mix his curveball with an effective fastball allowed him to settle down after his early problems.

"I started mixing it up a bit," he said. "I had a good fastball, but everything was hard early. I started mixing in my curveball after that."

Astros 10, Brewers 3

HOUSTON (AP) - Roy Oswalt got a big contract and the Astros got another win.

The only thing that went wrong for Houston was that Willy Taveras' 30-game hitting streak ended.

Pinch-hitter Jason Lane had a grand slam during Houston's seven-run eighth inning, and the Astros beat the Milwaukee Brewers 10-3 Tuesday night to match a season high with their fourth straight victory.

Oswalt pitched seven innings but didn't get a decision on his 29th birthday. Still, he received a great present after the game when the team announced that the right-hander agreed to a \$73 million, five-year contract extension - the biggest multiyear deal ever given to an Astros pitcher.

The 2005 NL championship series MVP is ecstatic about remaining in Houston.

"We have the team to win. Last year we played unbelievable ball, and we have the same structure here to win," Oswalt said. "Hopefully, over the next four or five years, we can put the team together, including this year."

A two-time 20-game winner, Oswalt passed up a chance to become a free agent after the 2007 season. And the Astros are thrilled that he's staying.

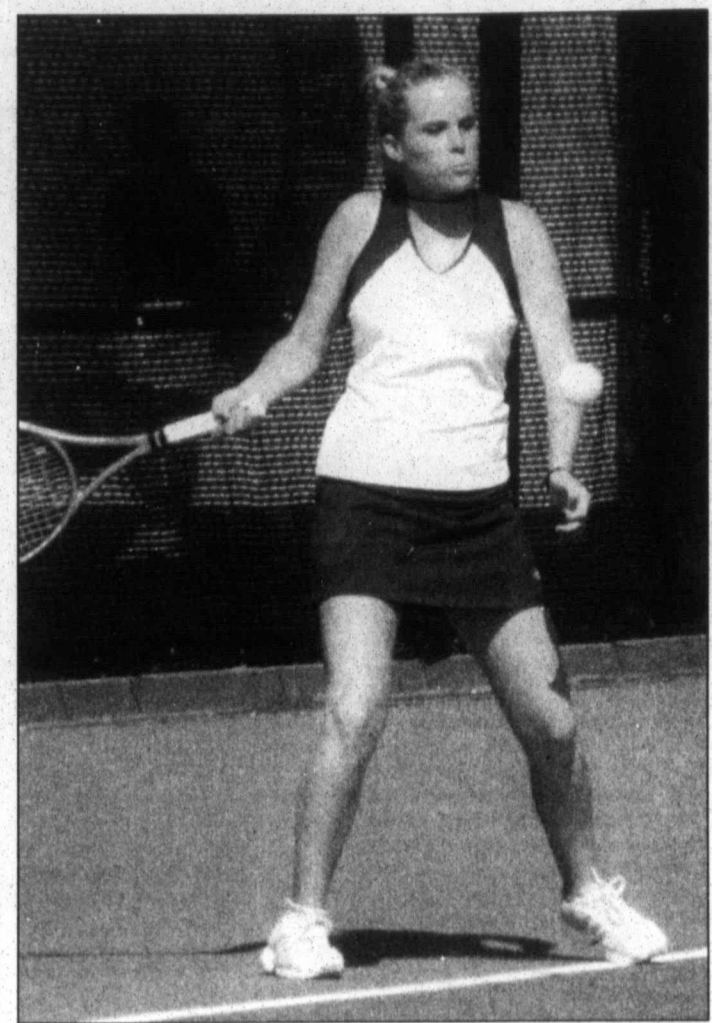
"Roy is one of the premier pitchers in baseball," owner Drayton McLane said. "You can look at his statistics for the last five years and he's as good as there is in baseball."

Taveras went 0-for-3, ending his hitting streak at 30 games - the second-longest in the majors this season behind Chase Utley's 35-game run for the Philadelphia Phillies from June 23 to Aug. 3.

Taveras was hit twice by Tomo Ohka's pitches, with the second one plunking him in the back and sending him to the dirt in the seventh inning. He stayed down for a couple of minutes and was tended to by trainers before slowly trotting to first base.

Taveras' hitting streak is the longest in Astros history, surpassing Jeff Kent's 25-game streak in 2004.

"It was a little tough to lose it that way because I didn't have the opportunities," Taveras said. "It was a little frustrating to get hit twice. I would have liked to have had clean at-bats."



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Kourtney Farmer keeps her eye on the ball during a serve return against Canyon Tuesday afternoon. Farmer was partnered with Haley Acker in the girls doubles match.

Memories

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McDonald could go on talking - it's the only thing his constituents want to talk about - but begs off because he's rushing to the meeting.

"We won't let go easily. We'll appeal this, and if that doesn't work, we'll go to a civil court if need be," McDonald added. "But I'd be happy if somebody would just show us the same compassion we showed others."

Bastrop, a gritty city of 13,000 in the northeast corner of Louisiana, was spared the sting of Katrina, but its residents have known plenty of pain. Its biggest employer, a paper mill that sits squarely in the middle of town, has been hemorrhaging jobs for a while. Just about the time the mill announced another round of devastating layoffs last fall, the Rams, already considered a top contender for the Class 4A crown, caught fire.

The spark was a sophomore quarterback named Randall Mackey, who was playing for Port Sulphur High until

Hurricane Katrina rolled in and flattened it. Like a thousand or so other kids caught in its path, he and his teammates were suddenly looking for meals and a place to live, somewhere they could go to school and play football.

Even under the relaxed transfer rules the LHSAA announced after Katrina, though, the distance between the two towns is damning. Port Sulphur is down in the southeastern corner of Louisiana, on a finger of land jutting out into the Gulf of Mexico. From there it's a five-hour drive, nearly the length of the state, to Bastrop. But even more damning than the distance is who made that drive soon after Katrina roared past with two Port Sulphur High kids in his car.

After some sleuthing, The News Star of Monroe, La., identified him as DeCarlos Holmes, a former Port Sulphur coach who joined the Bastrop staff long before the storm. While their families began the bewildering chore of putting lives back together, Holmes and the kids exchanged calls and text messages. Those contacts form the backbone of the LHSAA decision.

Formal notice of the ruling will be delivered to Bastrop High today, and both sides sounded like they were itching for a fight.

The school debuted its defense at the town hall meeting, with principal Tom Thrower saying Bastrop was just trying to do its part, that among the four dozen kids and few hundred people who fell into its lap and decided to stay were a few talented football players. The LHSAA said it can prove they were cherry-picked.

"They've got 48 hours to release the report," LHSAA commissioner Tommy Henry said, "and if they don't, I will."

What ultimately determines the heroes and villains in this drama is whether the spirit of compassion or its evil twin, competition, set the moves in motion. And no matter how it turns out, a town whose pride has been battered a lot lately is feeling hard done by already.

"They can take away that trophy," said Bastrop coach Brad Bradshaw, who was greeted by a standing ovation, "but they cannot take away memories of that season and that night."

U.S. 85, Germany 65

SAITAMA, Japan (AP) - Once they realized they couldn't shoot, the Americans knew they had to make sure Dirk Nowitzki couldn't, either.

Carmelo Anthony scored 10 of his 19 points in the third quarter, when the United States finally took control with its pressure defense, and the Americans went on to beat Germany 85-65 today in the quarterfinals of the world championships.

The U.S. overcame its worst offensive performance of the tournament with one of its best, limiting Germany to 26 points in the second half and forcing Nowitzki to miss nine of his 12 shots.

"Dirk is unstoppable, so we tried to send in as many defenders as possible," LeBron James said. "You've just got to contain a guy like that and hope he misses some shots. He only had 12 attempts so we know we did a good job."

James added 13 points for the U.S., which broke away from a one-point halftime lead by using a flurry of steals and blocks to outscore Germany 16-2 over a nearly 6-minute span in the third period.

The Americans (7-0) remained one of the four unbeaten teams and advanced to face European champion Greece (7-0) Friday night in the semifinals. Greece beat France 73-56 earlier Wednesday.

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People in the news

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who uses his iPod mostly for studying Spanish, has made a powerful endorsement, backing Colombian pop star Shakira in the race for video of the year at MTV's Video Music Awards.

Bloomberg passed over the other nominated artists, Madonna, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Panic! At the Disco and Christina Aguilera.

In a taped spot that aired on MTV's "Total Request Live" daily countdown show, Bloomberg defended his choice by noting the truth in the title of Shakira's smash single "Hips Don't Lie," which refers to her famous curves.

"I think I'm going to have to go with Shakira — those hips don't lie," Bloomberg said Tuesday.

Alongside Shakira, who is perhaps best known for her suggestive gyrating dance moves, the nominated video also features Wyclef Jean singing. "I never really knew that she could dance like this. She makes a man want to speak Spanish."

Shakira, 29, is traveling on her "Oral Fixation" world tour. She received seven nominations for the VMAs, which are returning to New York this year after briefly fleeing to Miami.

The mayor's taped promotion will be repeated several times before the awards are broadcast Thursday evening from Radio City Music Hall.

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Shakira : singer-songwriter told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "The production is more developed. ... I just tried to do it with the highest standards of quality."

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tom Arnold has filed for legal separation from his third wife, Shelby Roos, after four years of marriage.

Documents were filed Monday in Los Angeles Superior Court, his spokes-

woman, Staci Wolfe, said Tuesday. The 47-year-old actor-comedian, whose screen credits include "True Lies," and Roos, 34, have no children. They were married in Beverly Hills in 2002.

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— John Legend
Singer-songwriter

Arnold was previously married to comic actress Roseanne Barr. They divorced in 1994 after nearly four years of marriage. He was married to Julie Lynne Champnella from 1995 to 1999.

NEW YORK (AP) — Don't expect John Legend to stray too far from his Grammy-winning, silky R&B style on his sophomore album, "Once Again."

"It's not dramatically different but I think people will see it as a growth and an extension for me. It's a richer sound," the 27-year-old

Legend describes the video as sexy, but "not salacious. ... It's kind of like a day-in-the-life kind of video. ... I think it's tasteful and it's realistic."

"Once Again" is scheduled for release Oct. 24.

ST. LOUIS (AP) — When dozens of musicians gather in St. Louis next month for a concert paying tribute to jazz legend Maynard Ferguson, the question is: Who will hit the high note?

The trumpeter known for screaming power in the high octaves — he could reach a double-high-C — died Aug. 23 of kidney and liver failure due to an abdominal infection. He was 78.

On Sept. 20, Ferguson's Big Bop Nouveau Band and many alumni from previous Ferguson bands will perform a tribute concert at the Touhill Performing Arts Center on the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus.

St. Louis "was kind of his home away from home," said Steve Schankman, Ferguson's friend and longtime manager. The musician often played at Touhill, including a performance three years ago marking his 75th birthday.

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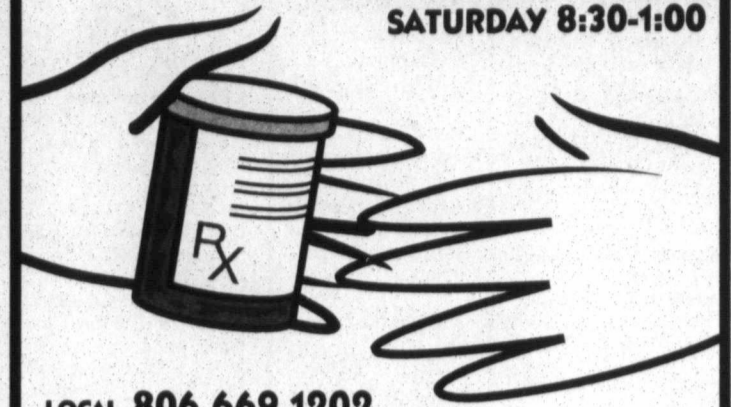
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